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MONTANA COVID-19 UPDATE

Phased reopening of Montana's economy

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Gov. Bullock announced a phased reopening of Montana's economy, which will begin when all directives expire April 24. More details of the gradual process will be announced later in the week.

Montana has to ensure a sustained reduction of COVID-1 cases, that its hospitals have the capacity to treat all patients, that it has the testing capacity to test anyone with COVID-19 symptoms and that it can work with public health and businesses to continue to mitigate the risk of infection.

"Even as we do scale-backs on the directives, it's not like this virus is going to go away," Gov. Bullock said.

Stringent guidelines will accompany the facets of Montana's economy that will reopen, like taking employees' temperatures every day

and abiding to social distancing recommendations.

The directives that are lifted or reduced will allow local governments to decide what is best for its unique community. The phases of reopening the state's economy will be in accordance with the Montana Public Health Department, local health providers, first responders and local businesses, according to Gov. Bullock.

Madison County Public Health Department will gauge its decisions based on the details of the Governor's Office first phase to reopen parts of Montana's economy.

School-openings are not likely to be a part of the first phase of reopening the economy. State level plans will include actions and rollbacks in the event Montana has a surge of COVID-19 cases. Montana has recently seen a decline in COVID-19 cases, which will have to continue to move forward with plans to

gradually reopen Montana's economy.

"I'm a little sensitive because we just had Easter a few days ago," Madison County Public Health Nurse Melissa Brummel said.

The holiday brought some people together spite social distancing recommendations, according to the MCPHD. In addition, over 300 people gathered at the Capitol building to protest statewide closures. It will take the virus' 14-day-incubation period to know if these gatherings contributed to spreading COVID-19.

"I'd love to give the assurance that there won't be any more spikes," Bullock said. "We won't be able to give that assurance until COVID-19 has gone away or there's a vaccine. So, that won't necessarily dictate what happens."

The Madison County Board of Public Health will meet on Thursday to discuss its plans after April 24.

TWIN BRIDGES TAKE-OUT CRUISE

Supporting local restaurants

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The community gathered on Twin Bridges' Main Street to support their local restaurants Friday evening.

The Old Hotel's daily 50 bento boxes were accounted for before the day started. The Wagon Wheel Restaurant, Steakhouse & BBQ had to call employees into work for the first time since it closed its dining room. Pre-orders for take-out in the evening surged in the morning.

"Tons of BBQ," Wagon Wheel Restaurant, Steakhouse & BBQ owner Janet Dustin said. "Which was good because we love making BBQ."

Dustin said her sales were up compared to the last month. Most of her staff went on unemployment when the statewide directive restricted restaurants from serving due to the COVID-19 coronavirus.

A cruise around town followed take-out orders. There is talk of another Friday-night cruise in Twin Bridges April 24.

"I would say it was a huge success," Dustin said. "I appreciate the support and the continued support from the community and other restaurants."





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COUNTY COMMISSIONER CANDIDATE Q&A

Top two advance to the General Election

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Madison County's District #1 will vote for a county commissioner in the primary elections June 2. District #1 includes Virginia City, Alder and Sheridan. It is a nonpartisan election, with four candidates running for the seat. The top two candidates will carry on to the general election ballot in November.



Dan Allhands, incumbent, has been involved in the Ruby Valley community for decades.

He was a member of the Alder Fire Department for 12 years. Allhands served as the Fire Chief three of those 12 years, which coincided with the construction of the current fire hall. During his three years on the Sheridan School Board, the Sheridan Elementary School was built. Allhands was in the ranching business for 43 years until he was elected to the County Commissioner seat in 2016.

Allhands was raised on his family's ranch in Sheridan. He has always lived in the Ruby Valley, graduating from Sheridan High School in 1977. He and his wife, Jody, have four sons all working and living in Sheridan. Five of their seven grandchildren also reside in Sheridan.

"Jody and myself, along with our four boys, always support the people of the Ruby Valley if there is a need," Allhands said.

Q: Why do you want to be the county commissioner for Madison County's District #1?

A: I am currently the Commissioner for District #1 in Madison County. Being a commissioner is a learning curve that takes time to learn and build working relationships and gain the trust of those who you work with and also for those I serve.

Q: Why do you think you would make a good county commissioner?

A: I feel I make a good commissioner because of my commonsense, ability to problem solve and my understanding of the problems facing the people of Madison County in these changing times.

Q: What would you prioritize in your community, if elected district #1 county commissioner?

A: My priorities are to make sure that we plan for the future in a responsible way for future generations. We need to be sure that our planning regulations will get us into the future, that our care centers in Sheridan and Ennis are there for the residents who go there. Madison County needs to keep improving our infrastructure - roads, bridges, etc.

Q: What impact(s) do you hope to make as county commissioner for district #1?

A: The impact I want to see as a Commissioner is to have Madison County be a stronger better prepared County going into the future.

worked in the medical research field, done software training and support, been a financial advisor and a Medicare specialist. Since retirement, Bacon has worked at the Bale of Hay Saloon and the Star restaurant in Nevada City.

He has been involved in the community in various ways including the President of the Virginia City Planning Board and a member of the Source Water Protection Committee. Bacon currently sits on the Virginia City Town Council and runs the Visitor Center for the Virginia City Chamber of Commerce. He is also a member of the Virginia City Fire Department and Dark Skies Committee.

"My wife and I have no official family in the Ruby Valley, however, I've had an extended family of friends here for over 50 years," Bacon said.

Q: Why do you want to be the county commissioner for Madison County's District #1?

A: I'm running for commissioner in order to effect much needed change. In my travels around the county, I am hearing increasing dissatisfaction about county government. Over the past few years we have lost public transparency and communication in the Madison County government. I believe that transparency is fundamental to any government structure in the United States and must not be lost.

Q: Why do you think you would make a good county commissioner?

A: All my adult life I have been a problem solver, all the facets of my careers have demanded that capability. I have been on many boards and commissions throughout my life and have learned that the best solutions come from actually listening to and working WITH people to create those solutions rather than blindly following an agenda.

Q: What would you prioritize in your community, if elected district #1 county commissioner?

A: My priorities would be to make sure that there is fiscal responsibility within the Madison County government and that has public exposure, to make sure that the rules of government are being followed correctly by Madison County, insure that the future of the Senior Care Centers are secure, examine the personnel practices in the county and confirm they are fair and proper and address the county road access issue.

Q: What impact(s) do you hope to make as county commissioner for district #1?

A: I would expect that my impact as District #1 Commissioner in Madison County would be to ensure that the citizens of District #1 would enjoy the right of be included in the governing process and understand that their needs and input are important in that process. Additionally, I would like to make Madison County a great place to work, where the employees have the respect and encouragement they deserve.



Robert "Dude" Erdall is the Public Works Director for Virginia City.

Erdall is originally from Edina, Minnesota. He moved to Madison County 48 years ago. He has lived in the same house for 36 years, where he raised three daughters in Virginia City. He is the grandfather to seven grandchildren, two of them living in town.

Erdall has been the Virginia City Public Works Director for about three years and is the Fire Chief of the Virginia City Fire Department. He helps maintain the Virginia City skating rink and is active in other organizations.

Q: Why do you want to be the county commissioner for Madison County's District

#1?

A: First of all, to change the climate of indecision that currently takes place. We also need to take care of the infrastructure that we already have - not just ignore it and build something new.

Q: Why do you think you would make a good county commissioner?

A: My demeanor for one. My ability to take a look at all aspects of things, not just have a predetermined outcome.

Q: What would you prioritize in your community, if elected district #1 county commissioner?

A: The people that work for the county are our biggest asset. Organized meetings between the towns and county in Sheridan, Alder and Virginia City.

Q: What impact(s) do you hope to make as county commissioner for district #1?

A: Promote economic growth throughout the whole of Madison County, and promote safety on our highways and in our towns.



After serving in the Marine Corps in the late '60s, Eli Thompson returned to the county he grew up in. He was raised in the Madison Valley but returned to the Ruby Valley.

Thompson is a fourth-generation Montanan. His family has been in Madison County for three generations. He earned a living driving at truck and operating heavy equipment most of his life. But he also worked on farms and ranches, owned a small trucking company and operated a garage in Nevada City.

Thompson tried retirement but preferred work. He has worked at Yellowstone National Park for three years and serves on the Madison County Road Review Committee. For several years, he was on the County Airport Board and the Virginia City Fire Department.

"Done all sorts of things as long as it let me live here in Madison County," Thompson said.

Q: Why do you want to be the county commissioner for Madison County's District #1?

A: I see things happening in the county government that should be handled differently, the transparency and openness is disappearing. Handling issues that come up in a timely manner and following through is lacking.

Q: Why do you think you would make a good county commissioner?

A: I have no desire to be a politician. I will work with people to take care of issues that come up in a timely manner and give a straightforward answer. I care about Madison County and will work to sure current issues and others that appear in a timelier manner.

Q: What would you prioritize in your community, if elected district #1 county commissioner?

A: It's hard to put something ahead of others. No reason several can't be handled together, just do it. There are issues with the nursing homes, county employees, road closures, county hiring practices, fiscal responsibility and several more that other people know about and will bring up.

Q: What impact(s) do you hope to make as county commissioner for district #1?

A: I would hope that I could get transparency and openness, issue handling and follow through, and better fiscal responsibility into the county practices.

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David Bacon has loved the Ruby Valley since the first time he visited from Portland, Oregon with his father in 1966. He and his wife, Jane, became permanent residents seven years ago. Bacon has

TWIN BRIDGES SCHOOL

Twin Bridges Schools Foundation and a fifth through eighth grade middle school discussed

By KEELY LARSON
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Twin Bridges School Board met Tuesday, April 14 to discuss establishing a Twin Bridges Schools Foundation, the rehiring of classified staff and teachers and creating a fifth through eighth grade middle school.

As an action item, the intent to create a Twin Bridges Schools Foundation was declared. "The foundation would be a vehicle for individuals who want to donate to the school. It would be an independent foundation to receive and allot those donations," Board Chair Steve Janzen said.

The Board asked for Letters of

Intent from the public if interested in serving on the foundation. Letters may be sent to the school before May 12, the next board meeting.

Classified staff and teachers were rehired for the next academic year. Collective bargaining is still in progress for teacher hires. Each year, the staff is able

to bargain with the board regarding conditions and pay. This will pick up speed in the next month or so, Janzen said.

Currently, the school divides students into lower elementary, kindergarten through sixth grade, junior high, seventh and eighth grade, and high school from ninth through twelfth. The

board is considering moving towards a different middle school model, encompassing grades five through eight. No action was taken on this item.

Regarding COVID-19, the board discussed the possibility of postponing the senior trip and/or changing the destination. Superintendent Thad Kaiser informed

the board of a committee created to brainstorm graduation ideas. No final decisions have been made. "He just wanted to let us know that they're working on it," Janzen said.

"Hopefully, this is a once in a hundred years event," Janzen said about the coronavirus and its cascading effects.

ALDER SCHOOL

Rural Fridays and continued remote learning discussed

By KEELY LARSON
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Alder School Board met remotely Thursday evening using the county's WebEx account to discuss the Rural Friday program, policy review and looking to the remainder of the school year amid the coronavirus.

A survey of parents was

conducted to obtain feedback about the Rural Friday program. Parents have mixed sentiments, transportation being one concern. "Moving forward, the supervising teacher, Teresa, is going to meet with UM (University of Montana) Western and provide some feedback and see if they can work with some of the issues parents are having," Superintendent Pam

Birkeland explained.

The Board offered Letters of Intent to teachers verifying that pay and insurance for next year will not be less than what was offered this year. Teachers are to sign and submit letters to the Board, establishing an agreement. Teachers know they have a job and the Board is sure of their return. Birkeland and the board chair will meet

next week to discuss salaries.

Birkeland gives the board sections of policies to review each meeting. Under Montana Code Annotated, the Online Student Privacy Protection Act was reviewed this month. In part, this focuses on protecting students' privacy when using different apps.

Regarding COVID-19, Birkeland assumed if Gov.

Steve Bullock lifts the Stay at Home Directive before the school year ends, Alder School may continue with remote learning. This is not dissimilar to other District conversations in the state, she said. "We won't know until next week whether the Governor is going to lift the closure or not, and if he closes schools for the rest of the year, we carry onto our end

date," Birkeland said.

"They (teachers) were all quite happy with the way instruction is going right now. They've had great feedback from parents," Birkeland said.

The insulation project will take place this summer. Two bids were received, and the board awarded the project to one.

Access to remote learning

Waving hook-up costs for students

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All of Ennis Schools' 382 students have internet access at home. But that was not the case before the COVID-19 pandemic closed Montana schools.

3Rivers Communication is offering free internet service to families whom do not have internet access but whose children need it to complete their classwork. Ennis teachers are scheduling Google Meet classes and providing face-to-face tutoring for their students.

"We've been able to do some pretty incredible things for outside education," Klasna said.

Ennis Schools provided its students without a computer at home with laptops to complete schoolwork. According to 3Rivers Communication Marketing Manager Don Serido, the internet provider contacted the 26 schools within its service area, including all of Madison County's schools, and compiled lists of students who were without internet access. 3Rivers Communication has hooked-up over 200 families with 25 mbps internet so far. All costs for the free hook-up are waved until the end of the school year.

"We're doing this because this is what we do," Serido said. "We're a cooperative."

ENNIS SCHOOL

Contracts renewed

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About 60 contracts were renewed at the Ennis School Board meeting April 15.

Every teacher and classified staff were offered a contract for the 2020-2021 school year, according to Ennis Superintendent Casey Klasna. Teachers and the public are allowed to join public school meetings digitally via Zoom.

Ennis Schools is not broadcasting meeting IDs due to Zoom-bombing, an unfortunate occurrence of hackers posting inappropriate videos and images during meetings. The public can call the school to get the needed information to join meetings. Ennis Schools will be discussing further plans for educating and caring for its students April 23.

"We're working really well considering the circumstances," Klasna said.

CLARIFICATION

As of April 14, Opportunity Bank branches in Madison County had not lent money to local small businesses approved for Payroll Protection Program loans. Opportunity Bank of Montana deposited more than \$15 million into customer accounts approved for PPP loans as of April 16, according to Opportunity Bank Vice President Ashley Kuehn.

TIPS FROM YOUR CHILDRENS' TEACHERS

Madison County teachers have some tips to help parents continue their children's education at home.

FOR MIDDLE-SCHOOL PARENTS

1 If you as a parent don't understand and the child is struggling, ask the teacher for help. Emailing the teacher is such an important way to communicate. Teachers don't know there is an issue if no one asks for help. And, it's okay to not understand an assignment!

2. Check your child's work. I know that they are getting older and should have more responsibility, but in school, the teacher is always checking their work. Making sure they understood and followed the directions is really important.

3. Hold them accountable for doing quality work. I tell my students quality over quantity right now.



Sara Decker
Sheridan School's sixth grade teacher
Educator for 16 years

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Sharing the love

Keely Larson
THE MADISONIAN

As social distancing unfolded and lodging restrictions were put in place, Upper Canyon Outfitters (UCO) reached out to their social media audiences to stay connected with their communities.

"As a business, we're obviously worried about our future as a travel destination," Cassie Ubaldo, third-generation Tate family member, said.

On their Instagram and Facebook pages, UCO started a 'Spread the Love' campaign. They asked followers to share how they were supporting local, wherever local was to them, by commenting on the post. It was originally meant to last for a single day, but Mystery Ranch donated a custom-made backpack as part of the prize and the contest was extended.

The rest of the winnings included a t-shirt from UCO and \$100 given to the winner to be used at a local restaurant of their choice to provide lunch for medical workers.

In the comments, followers described shopping less at larger chains, volunteering at church food drives, ordering takeout from local restaurants and someone's 94-year-old grandmother sewing face masks.

"You can get caught up in that doom and gloom and it isn't easy times, but you gotta stay positive," Jake McDonald said during UCO's Facebook Live event.

Michelle Bodenheimer, a commenter who ordered gardening supplies locally instead of driving to Home Depot in Bozeman and shopped locally instead of heading to Costco, was drawn as the winner.

The names of the commenters and short



UCO is operated by three-generations of family. Donna (L) and Jake (R), pictured here, are the current owners. Eli, Ubaldo's son, was helping with t-shirts during the live video. PHOTO COURTESY OF UCO

description of their actions were written down, cut out and placed in Ubaldo's dad, Jake McDonald's, cowboy hat. They drew a winner live on Facebook. "We talked about trying to stay positive, and it's really hard to be positive in hard times, and that was basically our goal," Ubaldo said.

"The thing that we're trying to have everybody remember is we're all in this together and we're all going to come out stronger at the other end. We as a business are determined to try and support our local community be there for our guests, our friends and family," Donna Tate McDonald said.

Though their phone has been essentially silent for summer bookings, UCO is going to preserve, Donna said.

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Doughnut worry, be happy



Community spirit thrives despite quarantine. Friends and neighbors line up for blocks on Saturday mornings to greet one another from their vehicles and enjoy fresh doughnuts and delights from the drive through options available at the Old Hotel and Main Street Market in Twin Bridges. The Madisonian would like to extend a thank you to local businesses for their creativity and pioneering spirit during the COVID pandemic. PHOTOS COURTESY LINDA DIXON



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OPINION

Please vote for Kathleen Williams

To The Editor:

Even with the news flood of COVID 19 there is a Primary Election coming soon and Kathleen Williams is asking that all Montanans will get out and vote for her.

Kathleen Williams is back after a hard campaign in 2018 and this time she will win!

Health Care in the U.S. is one of Kathleen's biggest concerns. She will:

- 1- Fight for women to retain the rights to make all of their own health choices without government or Religious interference.
- 2- She would like to see a law which would allow all people 55 and older to "buy" into the Medicare system, which would lower the costs for all who use Medicare.
- 3- Advancing the production and viability of Generic drugs to make them more affordable for all.
- 4- Stop rewarding the healthcare system for the "amount" of unnecessary care, which are often provided with outside incentives, and instead reward for the "quality of care".
- 5- Increase patient options such as aging in place, with affordable home care as well as paying "family care givers" who often quit their jobs to fill the caregiver job. Include this patient option: dying at home with family, which most doctors choose for themselves.
- 6- Advance preventive care to improve all lives.

Vote for Kathleen Williams for the U.S. House of Representatives.

Linda Hollifield
Dillon, Montana

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What a Beautiful Community We Live In...

During our very difficult time of losing Larry to the Covid-19 virus, Niki fighting to recover from the virus and our family unable to be together, the prayers, love and support from our community have been absolutely overwhelming. Thanks to the Highway 41 Dillon Care Group who brought goodie baskets and beautiful bouquets of flowers to our families. Thanks to Sue Hall and Verta Dorseth who organized a parade of over 20 cars that came by our house carrying signs of well wishes honking and showing their caring love and support. Thanks for all the beautiful cards and for the many, many phone calls and texts offering help. And, many thanks to Dr. Madany who called Niki daily to check on her as she was recovering from the virus. And, a special thanks to Nurse Karson who went above and beyond the call of duty while she was caring for Larry. We will be forever grateful for her special kindness. As Troy said, we truly do live in the last best place there is. We will be forever grateful and appreciative for all the love shown to our family. May God bless each and every one of you. Thank you.

With much love,

Niki Martin
Troy, Mary, Megan and Morgan Martin

Thank you for your quick response

Addison Retherford and family are beyond thankful for the immediate care and quick response by the ER staff and Marty Hensel at the Madison Valley Hospital on April 14. Recognizing the seriousness of her condition due to diabetes and a limited time frame to reverse possible consequences, they prepped and efficiently coordinated med-flights to Missoula Community Hospital. Additionally, thanks to all the positive thoughts and prayers sent our way from so many near and far. Words can't express how grateful we are.

Kristen & Addison Retherford and extended family

OBITUARIES

Alice Schmieding

September 5, 1933 to March 20, 2020

Alice passed at home with children by her side. Alice was born in Utica, Ill.

She married Jim Schmieding Dec. 3, 1956 when they moved to Montana. Jim worked for Safeway and they moved around Montana until 1969 when they moved to Bozeman. Alice worked for Summit Eng.

and Allen Bradley. She worked and Hideaway Lounge in the deli and liquor store. She went to work at First Security Bank and she worked there until she retired and they moved to Sheridan, Mont.

She enjoyed going for walks, taking drives around the valley, doing jigsaw puzzles,

reading and watching baseball, football and golf. Go Bears and Cubs!

She was on the board for the Senior Center in Sheridan. She loved volunteering and hanging out with everyone.

She is preceded in death by her husband Jim and son Larry. She is survived by daugh-

ter Kathy (John) Gessner of Bozeman and son Ken (Julie) Schmieding of Russelville, Ark., 4 granddaughters, 6 great granddaughters and 4 great grandsons.

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Larry Leroy Martin January 28, 1942 to March 28, 2020



Larry was taken to be with his Heavenly Father on March 28, 2020, after a brief battle with the Covid-19 virus. He was born in Bozeman on January 28, 1942, to Albert (Bill) Martin and Olive Egeler Martin. He grew up in the Gallatin Valley and attended school in Bozeman through his sophomore year in high school. When the Vo-ag program was taken out of the Bozeman schools, that deemed the school unfit to Larry and he transferred to Belgrade for his last two years of high school where they had an excellent Vo-ag program. One of the highlights of Larry's Vo-ag was when he and a train load of other blue jackets traveled to Kansas City for the national FFA convention. He always loved to tell stories about the trip.

Upon graduating from high school, Larry headed to Alaska to run a caterpillar on a subdivision his brother-in-law was building. At the end

of the summer, he returned to Montana to start college in mechanical engineering. His take on that adventure was when you have to show the professor how to do things, that's not the place to be. So, he left school at the end of the quarter, never looking back.

Larry married his high school sweetheart, Niki Ward, on January 18, 1964. Larry and Niki were constant companions and worked side by side their entire lives. One son, Troy Ward, was born to this union on July 20, 1967. Larry and Niki also have several "adopted" kids. They gladly opened their home to youngsters having problems and helped them out until they could get their lives back on track. Larry loved young people and was always willing to help them out through kindness, a helping hand and encouragement.

Larry and his dad farmed together until the loss of his father in 1969. At that time Larry decided to move out of the Gallatin Valley and purchased a ranch up McHessor Creek south of Twin Bridges. He moved his family to the Ruby Valley in February of 1970. Larry was a member of the Garden Creek Stock Association while on the McHessor Creek Ranch and especially loved the fall roundups. After Larry was seriously injured in a horse wreck in 1991, the family sold the ranch in 1993 and moved to their present ranch on Stone Lane, also south of Twin Bridges.

Troy and his wife, Mary, came on board with Heart L Ranch in 1991. Larry and Troy enjoyed a special father/son bond as they worked together on the ranch. Larry felt life could not be any better being able to have family work together doing something they all loved. One of his greatest blessings in life was being able to watch his granddaughters, Morgan and Megan, grow up and to be able to share in their lives. Larry felt a deep sense of pride that Troy and the girls had the opportunity to grow up on a ranch where they learned work ethics and so many lessons in life itself.

Agriculture was not only a first love of Larry's, but it was a passion of his, working and improving what he could. In the 1980's Larry and Karl Ohs were instrumental in starting an organization called MAGPI (Montana Ag Producers, Inc.) Several members of this organization, including Larry, went to Nigeria, Africa, on a mission to try and help improve cattle and farming conditions. It was an eye opener to find new equipment sitting along the road, and so one had shown the people how to run the equipment, put oil in the engines, etc. Larry also found it interesting that another country had come in and built a beautiful big dam with very plentiful water for irrigation and the outlet for the water was on the top of the dam rather than the bottom. Larry could keep one busy for hours talking about his African trip. He would say

Africa looks like the pictures you see, but you haven't had the full take on Africa until you smell it.

Larry's deep love for his family was very evident and he was always there to support them, whether it be in sports, 4-H, concerts, or whatever the activity might be. He always loved to talk about chasing the yellow school buses all over the state. And this was without a doubt some of the best times of his life. When Troy was in school, Larry never missed a football or basketball game or track meet. He was always there supporting Troy not only in sports, but in his many 4-H projects also.

Then, granddaughters Morgan and Megan started through all of their sports, 4-H and other activities and there was never an activity missed. He was so incredibly proud of the girls and it was probably one of the most rewarding times of his life. In fact, when he was very ill with a serious staph infection in 2012, the surgeon told him they were going to have to do some more surgeries. He informed the surgeon that the surgery would have to wait, as he had a granddaughter playing in the State basketball tournament and he wasn't about to miss that! Well, the surgery did wait an extra week. When the girls graduated from high school, a piece of Larry's heart went with them, as being there and supporting them was a major joy in his life.

Larry served on both the Beef Committee and Sales Committee for 4-H. He was Board Commissioner for the East Bench Irrigation District for 19 years, always trying to keep the best interests of those he served at heart. He was a member of Church of the Valley in Twin Bridges and was chairman of the board of trustees for several years.

Larry was a true farmer/rancher, as he loved cattle and raising hard red spring wheat, malt barley and alfalfa hay. He brought some of the first Simmental cattle into the valley and after several years settled on red angus/Simmental cross cattle. He also loved his big Tennessee Walking horses, which he raised for several years. Another of his favorites were his cattle dogs and he raised some of the best. One would rarely ever see Larry without one or several dogs at his side.

Larry was an incredibly hard-working, kind, patient and gentle man. He was big in stature, and when he was young was as strong as a gorilla. His biggest trademark was his laugh—one could easily hear his laugh in a large crowd of people. He always had a twinkle in his eye, a big smile and was ready to tease or give someone a hard time. He was a great story teller and loved to show visitors the picture of his grandfather's threshing crew of 32 men, which he proudly displayed on the living room wall. He came from an agricultural background and was proud

of his heritage. He also had very talented blacksmith/mechanics on both sides of his family from where he inherited his mechanical talents. He always carried his pliers and an 8 inch crescent wrench on his belt and later added a Leatherman to the belt collection, thus rendering him ready for any necessary "quick fixes".

Larry is preceded in death by his grandparents; father, Bill Martin; mother, Olive Martin Logan and stepdad Lars Logan. He is survived by his wife, Niki; his son, Troy (Mary); granddaughter Morgan (Lou Munoz), granddaughter Megan (Kelby VanDyken), grandson Ryan Swalling; sister Rita White (Jack); sister-in-law Resa Roethle (Ray); brother-in-law, Gary Ward; brother-in-law Lonnie Ward (Lydia). He is also survived by several cousins, nieces, nephews and many, many friends. His beloved dog, "Sunny", with whom he had a very special bond, and the newest member of the family, "Skye", also survive.

To our beloved husband, father and grandpa, we will love you and miss you forever. Thank you for always being there for us and making our lives special. "Blessed are those who mourn for they will be comforted." Matthew 5:4.

The family is planning a memorial/celebration of life at a later date.

Molly Cummings Minot Cook August 5, 1917 to April 2, 2020



Molly Cummings Minot Cook, a resident of Greenwich, Conn. since 1923 and a homeowner in Edgartown, Mass. since 1973, died peacefully in her sleep on April 2, 2020 at the age of 102 years in her Greenwich home. She was born August 5, 1917 in Seattle, Wash. Her father, Wilbur L. Cummings, had been sent to Seattle as a Judge Advocate during World War I where he married Marian Engle, the daughter of Alice Warbass and Abraham W. Engle of Seattle. Mrs. Cook moved with her parents to Greenwich when the War was over. She attended Greenwich Academy, Rosemary Hall in Greenwich, Conn, and then Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

As a young woman, Mrs. Cook was a passionate equestrian, competing in many horse shows. She was a member of the Fairfield Westchester Hounds. Her mother also took her under her wing (literally), encouraging her to become a pilot. Marian Engle Cummings was the first woman to receive a commercial pilot license in the U.S. Mrs. Cook obtained her pilot license at the age of 18 and flew her own plane in many intercollegiate air meets. She loved to stunt fly in Armonk, N.Y., thrilling the spectators who came to watch at the airport on Sundays.

In 1939, she married William Amory Gardner Minot. When World War II started, Mr. Minot was commissioned an Ensign in the US Navy, and his wife joined the Civil Air Patrol in Westchester County, NY, where she was commissioned a Second Lieutenant. She

taught aerial navigation and communications to the Enlisted Air Corps Cadets for preparation for active duty. She rose to the rank of Captain by the end of the war. Additionally, she was a Red Cross Nurse's Aide in the Greenwich Hospital, before and during World War II. She was among the first group of women to train for this job in the U.S. Her brother, Wilbur (Bill) L. Cummings, Jr., was a Navy pilot who was the first serviceman from Greenwich to die in the War.

After the War, she and her husband managed the Coca Cola Bottling Company in St. Thomas, VI. Mr. Minot went on to work for the Government Service, requiring a move to Paris, France, where he was the head of Foreign Aid to France. Upon their return to the U.S., Mr. Minot was the President and owner of Canada Dry of Fairfield County, Conn.. During this time, his wife attended classes at the New York School of Interior Design and the New York School of Modern Photography, two careers she actively pursued throughout her lifetime. Sadly, Mr. Minot passed away in 1963. Mrs. Cook then took over management of Canada Dry until 1968. Mrs. Cook remarried in 1965 to Hobart Amory Hare Cook.

Mrs. Cook was a passionate gardener and conservationist, who greatly enjoyed teaching others. She was President of The Greenwich Garden Club, as well as Treasurer of the Garden Club of America (GCA), becoming an Honorary Member. In May 2015, the GCA recognized her 65 years of service as an exemplary member.

Sailing provided new opportunities for adventure and learning which she and her husband, known as Hoby, enjoyed throughout their marriage. Their home in Edgartown, Mass. on Martha's Vineyard provided the ideal place to pursue this mutual pastime. Both were active members of the Edgartown Yacht Club (EYC), and Mrs. Cook served as the Secretary of the Club for 9 years. Mrs. Cook also attended celestial navigation courses at the Hayden Planetarium and

became a celestial navigator, a vital talent to assist on her and her husband's frequent long voyages abroad. Mr. Cook passed away in 1983. In his memory, his wife hosted an annual cookout at her Edgartown home to welcome Academy sailors from the Navy, Coast Guard, and Maritime who competed in the annual 'Round-the-Island Race at the EYC. She also created the Hobart A.H. Cook Trophy at the EYC, which is awarded to the Academy sailing yacht with the best corrected time for the 'Round-the-Island Race.

After Mr. Cook's death, she took over management of the family cattle ranch in Montana, where she enjoyed many summers horseback riding with her family.

Once more, following in her mother's footsteps, Mrs. Cook enthusiastically took up painting, from canvases to furniture. She attended the Isabel O'Neil School of Art of the Painted Finish in New York City. She became an instructor there, and she taught art courses at the Round Hill Community Church. Mrs. Cook became well-known for her skill in creating magnificent Sailor's Valentines, artistically arranged tiny seashells that form geometric designs and messages within an octagonal wooden frame.

Mrs. Cook's eldest child, Marian Cummings Minot, known as Gil, passed away from cancer in 1986. Mrs. Cook is survived by her son, Winthrop Gardner Minot, and his wife, Marilyn, of Cohasset, Mass. She is also survived by her three beloved granddaughters, Hilary Russell Minot of Boston, Mass., Amory Minot Hollis of New York, N.Y., and Constance Gardner Minot of New York, N.Y., and their mother, Gale Winslow Minot of Newton, Mass.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations would be appreciated to the Greenwich Garden Club Conservation Scholarship Fund (Greenwich Garden Club, P.O. Box 4896, Greenwich, CT, 06831) or the Greenwich Land Trust (370 Round Hill Rd, Greenwich, CT, 06831).



Richard D. Marshall passed away at home Easter morning April, 12, 2020 with his wife, Valerie by his side. Dick was born in Twin Bridges on May 16, 1926 to Frank Marshall and Norabel Robbins. The family lived in Twin Bridges on the family ranch and at age four moved to a ranch on Jackson Creek, east of Bozeman, where he grew up. He attended Malmborg Elementary School and graduated from Gallatin County High School. He enlisted and served in the United States Army Air Force as a Corporal from 1944-1946.

Upon returning from the service he attended Montana State University on the G.I. bill and earned a degree in Agricultural Economics. He married Lenore Jean Wilson

June, 15, 1952. Dick worked as a ranch manager in Montana and Wyoming, and Lenore as a teacher. They raised two children, Ellen Gail Marshall and James Wilson Marshall. The couple retired and moved back to the family ranch in 1984.

Lenore passed away in 1993, and Dick later married his present wife, Valerie Lake, and gained another daughter, Julie Noel Leavitt. Dick and Valerie enjoyed 27 years together, and they had fun raising Julie in the valley.

Dick loved being involved in the community. He held leadership positions in the Twin Bridges Rotary Club, the American Legion, and the VFW. He was a board member of the Twin Bridges Cemetery, the Big Hole Watershed Committee, and the Twin Bridges Historical Society Museum of which he was a founder. Dick was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

On several occasions Dick said, "You have to do what makes you happy," and that is how he lived his life. Dick enjoyed hours of games with his friends and family, working on the ranch, tending to his animals, watching birds, learning about family history, taking drives, and packing into the Bob Marshall with his cousin, Delos Robbins, and relatives. All who knew Dick knew of his quiet strength, his

cheery smile, and his quick wit. According to Dick, his greatest accomplishment was raising three kids.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents; Lenore; parents-in-law, Alma and Eric Wilson; brother-in-law, Richard Kovash; Uncle Tom and Jim Marshall; nephew, Brendan Reints; niece, Amy Lake.

He is survived by his wife, Valerie of Twin Bridges; parents-in-law Harvey and Boots Lake of Dillon; children, Ellen (Steve Rose) of Twin Bridges, James (Tammy) of Worland, Wyoming, and Julie of Twin Bridges; grandchildren, Matthew Baird (Marisol), Elizabeth Hetland (Travis), Brandon Stone (Amy), Kate Vail (Jeff), Carrie Rose, and Vince Rose (Kristen); eight great-grandchildren, Joshua, Beau, Caleb, Liam, Wesley, Evelyn, Norah, and Wheeler; cousin, Hope Mommer; brothers and sisters-in-law, Marlene Kovash, Ronnie Lake (Nancy), Shelly McDonald (Jerry), Nolan Lake (Erin), Robin Reints (William), and Harvey Lake Jr. (Patty); and numerous nieces and nephews.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, a private burial has taken place at the Twin Bridges Cemetery. Memorials may be sent to the Twin Bridges Historical Association at P.O. Box 227 Twin Bridges, MT 59754.

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Painting for the Pantry

Artist around Montana support food banks in their own way

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Cathy Toot, owner of Gallery 287, is not a sewer. She sees people sewing face masks as a way to help amid the coronavirus, "and that's one thing I can't do," she said.

Toot was contacted by Leslie Kesler, an artist in Choteau, Mont. Kesler had an idea for how artists could add to the altruistic spirit demonstrated in many communities.

Thus began Painting for the Pantry, the creative alliteration a Toot original. "She's (Kesler) the one that wanted to start it and I kind of thought about maybe being a part of it, and she contacted me, so we collaborated back and forth," Toot explained.

Artists involved sell paintings or drawings no larger than 8x8 for \$50 plus a \$7 shipping fee. The \$50 goes to a food bank of the buyer's choice. Montana is the focus, but purchases designated elsewhere will be accepted. Toot mentioned Florida clients who bought paintings and instructed their money to be sent to Ennis.

"We just see the importance of the pantry, of the food bank, in anybody's area," Toot said, whether they are overwhelmed

by necessity or not. Artists from all over Montana have sold 92 paintings as a group. Toot sold four thus far.

Typically, Toot is an artist of living history, portraying reenactments, ranch life and moments of bygone times in her work. The size constraints of this project have forced her to branch out from her norm. Oil paintings of flowers or animal faces fit this particular project and encourage Toot to be innovative.

She sees Painting for the Pantry as a way for artists to remain creative while events are canceled. "It just makes it so it feels like we're a part of something that's going to help for the greater good," she said.

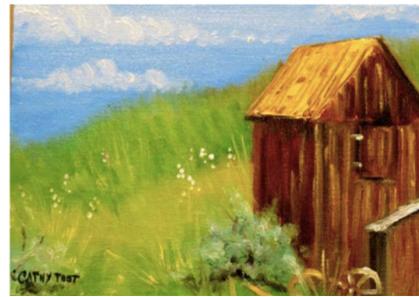
To order, buyers may go to the Painting for the Pantry Facebook page. After selecting a piece, they mail a \$50 check to the artist made out to the food bank of their choice with an address attached. They write a second check for \$7 for shipping to the artist and

send it along with the \$50.

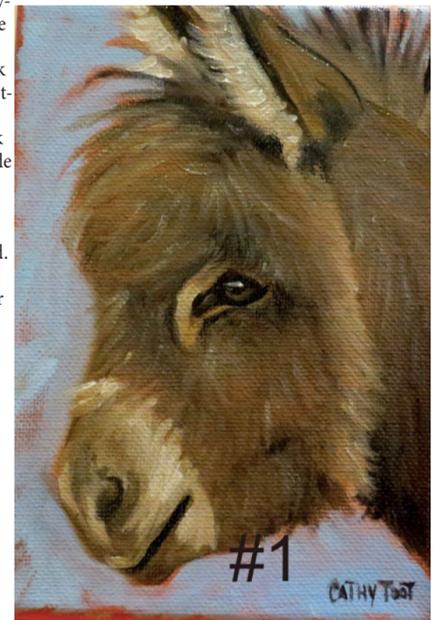
This way, artists know which pieces have been purchased and have addresses for the buyer and the food bank. The two checks keep food bank designations and shipping costs separate. Kesler updates the Facebook page to show which pieces have been purchased.

Painting for the Pantry Facebook page here: https://www.facebook.com/pg/Painting-for-the-Pantry-108027934191178/photos/?tab=album&album_id=108154620845176

Artists interested in participating can contact Toot (406-490-1453) or Kesler (on Painting for the Pantry).



This piece is still available for purchase. PHOTO COURTESY OF PAINTING FOR THE PANTRY, FACEBOOK PAGE



Sold to a client in Florida, this painting's proceeds support Madison Valley Sharing and Caring. PHOTO COURTESY OF PAINTING FOR THE PANTRY, FACEBOOK PAGE

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Retirement announcement

Submitted by Karen Kilman

After 35 years of service to the United States Navy and United States Public Health Service, CAPT Karen Kilman, is setting her sights on a well-deserved retirement to play and enjoy more time with her family and friends.

Karen was a 1983 graduate from Ennis High School and continued her college education at the University of Montana, in Missoula, Mont. After one year of college, she joined the Naval Reserves which lead to nine duty stations as listed. 1) Enlisted (E2) in U.S. Navy Reserves in Butte, Mont. She remained in the US Navy Reserves for 12 years while completing her college education with a B.S. degree in Athletic Training at the University of Montana (1988)

and then earning a M.S. degree in Physical Therapy at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Ariz.(1996). During this Reserve time (1984-1996), she advanced in rank to HM1 (E6). 2) As a NAU graduate, she accepted her active duty commission as a Physical Therapist (LTJG) and was stationed at Naval Medical Center, San Diego, Calif. (1996-1999). She spent the three years working at Naval Station North Island working with the Naval surface fleet. 3) Her next tour of duty in Sigonella, Italy (1999-2001) was a fun filled over-seas assignment with opportunities to travel. One can never really appreciate the freedoms we so easily take for granted until you have spent a week in Russia and are "locked in" your train compartment without restroom facilities during an all-night train

ride from one city to another. 4) On return to the states, the USS John Stennis aircraft carrier provided an opportunity to serve with the floating Navy right after the 9/11 bombing (2001-2003.) During deployment for Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF), Karen proudly earned her surface warfare pin. The 24/7 work days aboard ship made one appreciate our military members hard work for our country, while being away from home during multiple holidays. On-board, she had the opportunity to be in a plane launched off a ship and stopped ("catch the wire") with the catapult on return to the ship. The G-forces our pilots experience daily are incredible. 5) A transfer to Camp Pendleton, Calif. (2003-2005) to work with the Marines for the next two years was enlightening with

their dedication and military discipline. Here the Marine members who had been injured in action just wanted to complete rehabilitation and return to their unit so that they were back with their "brothers" supporting our Nation. 6) The next duty station was an inter-service transfer to the US Public Health Service to work on the Zuni Indian Reservation, N.M. (2005-2008). It was a joy to work with the Native American population. Many of the traditional elderly Native population still live in homes without running water or electricity. 7) She then transferred to Bureau of Prisons / Health and Human Services, Department of Justice in Tucson, Ariz. She worked with inmates (2008-2012) which was considered a Hazardous Duty Station; and she happy to

return to the general population after this tour of duty. 8) A welcomed return to Indian Health Service at Phoenix Indian Medical Center (2012-2017) was very productive for the next five years in the big city. 9) She has just completed her 35 years of service after another isolated tour at Pinon Health Clinic on the Navajo Nation in Ariz. (2017-2020). Many folks still live in their fascinating traditional ways with a requirement to have livestock on the Navajo reservation. Muddy dirt roads were common and raising sheep provide the main dietary food staple.

All these tours of duty have provided a wide variety of learning experiences while meeting many wonderful people with different cultures / beliefs. Though it has been hard to be

away from family and friends, it has opened the door to many opportunities with precious memories to enjoy in retirement years.



Gubernatorial candidates to debate on rural & agriculture issues by virtual debate on April 25

Candidates for Montana governor will have the opportunity to state their positions on rural and agriculture issues by virtual primary debate on April 25. Cowles Media Television Network and Northern News Radio Network will air the debates statewide beginning at 7 p.m. All candidates have been invited. Democratic party candidates Whitney Williams and Mike Cooney and Republican candidates Tim Fox and Dr. Al Olszewski have confirmed. We are hoping Greg Gianforte will confirm

soon to participate in this important discussion on rural and agriculture issues.

The primary debates are sponsored by Montana Farmers Union, Northern Plains Resource Council, Montana Cattlemen Association and the United States Cattlemen Association.

"We look forward to hearing the candidates' positions on rural and agriculture issues," said Walter Schweitzer, President of Montana Farmers Union. "Montana farmers and ranchers are facing some real

challenges. Price gouging by multinational meat packers, plunging cattle prices and a loss of markets for all agricultural commodities are just some of the challenges. We need real solutions to help our family farmers and ranchers survive."

"Agriculture has always been the backbone of Montana's economy, but our independent producers have been under threat for far too long," said Jeanie Alderson, a Birney rancher and chair of Northern Plains Resource Council. "Family ranchers have

been struggling for decades, and the current pandemic has only made an existing crisis that much worse. We hope to hear how office-seekers will stand up for Montana's independent ag producers with meaningful actions to encourage and enforce fair market competition. The future of our rural economies is at stake, and we need courage from our prospective leaders."

"For the past five years, Montana's cattle ranchers have silently suffered through a depression in cattle prices, the result of an increasingly

non-competitive dysfunctional market for cattle, said Gilles Stockton, Montana Cattlemen Association. "Just since 2015, two and a half billion dollars have been extracted ranch families and from the Montana economy as whole. The coronavirus pandemic has caused cattle prices to crash to even new lows. Too many of Montana's politicians are seemingly oblivious to the economic struggle faced by rural communities. This coming debate will give voters an idea about which candidates know and care about rural

Montana and which do not."

The debates will air live on the following Cowles Media television affiliates:

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 - Bozeman/Butte: ABC, FOX and SWX
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Friday

 Partly cloudy skies. High 52F. Winds WSW at 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday

 Partly cloudy skies. High 57F. Winds SSW at 10 to 20 mph.

Sunday

 Partly to mostly cloudy. High 57F. Winds SW at 10 to 20 mph.

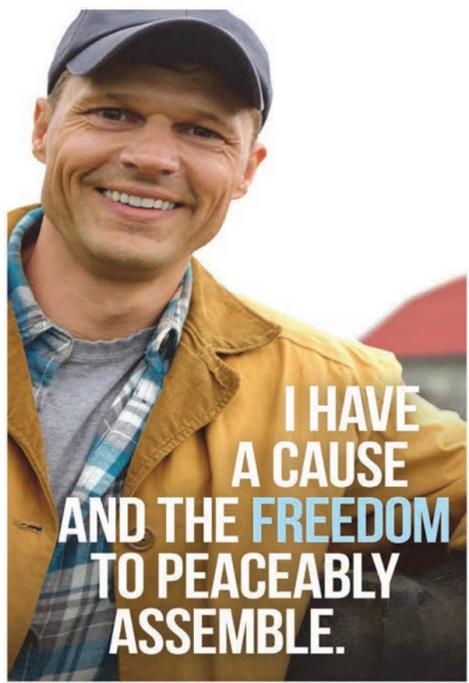
Monday

 Some sun in the morning with increasing clouds during the afternoon. High 57F. Winds WSW at 10 to 20 mph.

Quote of the Week:

“Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. The important thing is not to stop questioning.”

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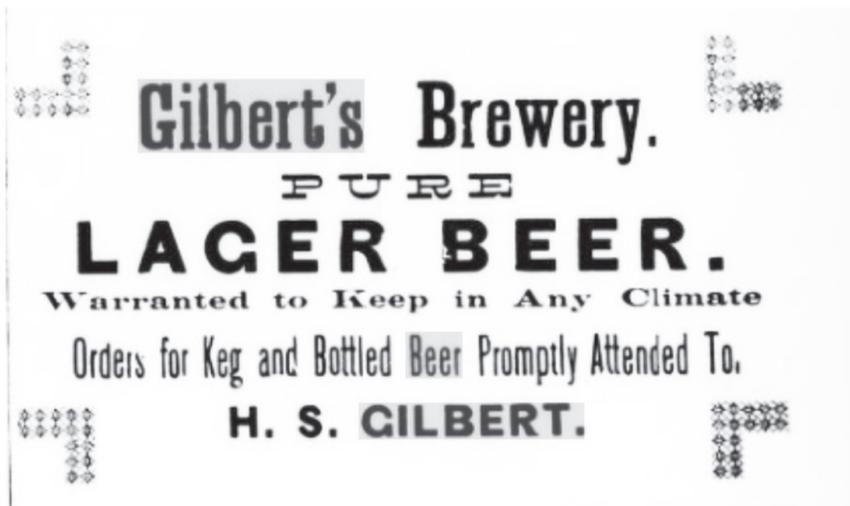
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ADAPTING *to the* TIMES

Exploring an early Montana brewery



A Gilbert's Brewery ad in *The Madisonian*, Jan 1895. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE MADISONIAN ARCHIVES

By KEELY LARSON
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Breweries changed with the times during prohibition and again as craft brewing became trendy. In the coronavirus era, social distancing effectively shut down breweries, but their adaptive nature keeps the kegs flowing.

Henry S Gilbert, who possessed this nature that lent itself to a lengthy brewing industry, arrived in Virginia City in 1863 plagued by the same disease as many—gold fever. “Mining was not to his liking, however, and he sold his claims,” an excerpt from *Pioneer Trails and Trials* said. He established the Virginia City Brewery with surnamed accomplices Smith and Richter in 1863 and served two terms as mayor of Virginia City.

After 11 years, Gilbert took over the brewery and saw the operation through until his untimely death in 1903. Pinned underneath an overturned wagon, he died before help could come. “Thus, ending a fruitful career of one of Madison County’s prominent pioneers,” an excerpt from *Pioneer Trails and Trials* said.

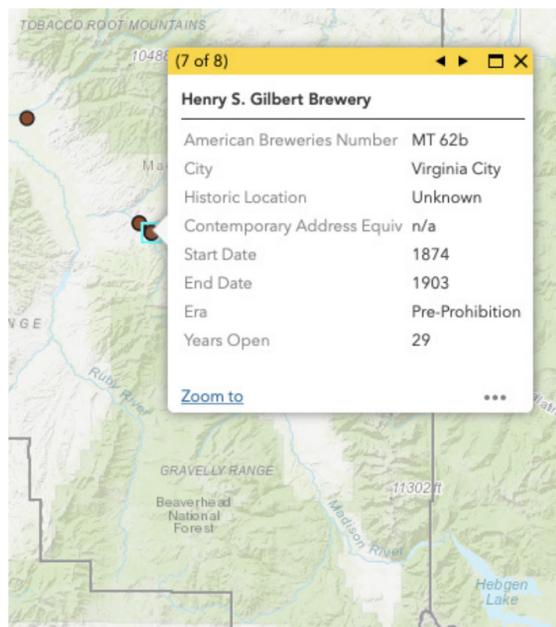
Other early arrivers to Montana included Irish and German immigrants who brought their beer-making traditions with them. “That played into the early rise of brewing beer in the state. They were doing what they loved and what they knew,” Anneliese Warhank, archivist with the Montana Historical Society, said in a virtual tour of the Good Beer Here exhibit.

After the Civil War, southerners made up another demographic of Montana’s population. They came to make a living, for the anonymity and to live life on their own terms instead of in a Reconstructed South.

Prohibition coursed through the country at varying times as states wanted to have control over how it worked for their populations. Nationally, prohibition extended through 1920-1933.

Montana passed its own prohibition law in 1916. “There was a real push for brewers to begin to unite and ask, how can we fight this?” Steve Lozar, Montana Historical Society Board member, said in an interview in 2017.

Breweries took up ads in local papers admonishing whiskey and presenting beer as a non-intoxicating alternative. The Montana Brewer’s Associa-



Montana Historical Society’s interactive map lists breweries around the state and categorizes them by era. PHOTO COURTESY OF MONTANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

tion began as a way to separate whiskey’s characteristics from beer.

Some breweries in Montana went underground and produced beer. Some citizens took up home brewing. Some bigger breweries just keep trucking along.

Many brewers were local politicians, and citizens watched as ‘upstanding, leading men in their towns’ ended up fined or arrested for production. Many breweries claimed to make ‘near beer,’ which was monitored closely as it needed to have less than a percent of alcohol to qualify. Others produced cheese, soda and soda water to stay in business and sold malt product that people used to make beer at home.

In many ways, beer quite accurately demonstrates the ‘Montana mentality.’ Many pioneers felt like prohibition was not an ‘American approach’ and wanted to make their own decisions about the topic.

“A man’s skin is his own skin’ was the slogan by the mine owners. It had a lot to do with that individual idea of a man makes his own decisions,” Lozar explained. Montana repealed prohibition in 1916 before it happened nationally.

A change in laws made it difficult to jump back into production. Before prohibition, breweries could sell their beer, exclusively in many cases, directly to taverns or saloons. After, breweries could not own a saloon or tavern or even be a

shareholder in saloons.

As a consequence, a lot of breweries failed. Many were bought out by bigger companies, the domestic beer companies of today, that had a larger advertising budget and could sell cheap beer thanks to mass production capabilities.

Valentine Gilbert ran Gilbert Brewing Company right up until prohibition and was to reopen in 1934. Articles of

Five generations of Gilberts. Sitting is Margaret Gilbert, holding Bruce Lund, son of Helen Lund. Standing L to R: Margaret Reid, Helen Lund and Alvin Reid.



Four generations of Gilberts. PHOTO COURTESY OF PIONEER TRAILS AND TRIALS

incorporation were filed in 1935, but operations never began. Charles Bovey bought the building in 1945 and turned it into a tourist attraction.

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The Julius Lehrkind Brewery in Livingston opened pre-prohibition. The flight pictured here was taken at Neptune’s Brewery, a part of the craft beer boom. PHOTO BY KEELY LARSON



Teens taking charge of their health



Submitted by NIH

Becoming a teen means taking more responsibility for decisions about your body and health. It's important to understand how your body works and what it needs. That way, you can make smart choices about what you eat and how you keep active. Start by creating healthy habits now.

Eating a good diet is an important place to start. By choosing healthy foods and drinks, you can give your body the nutrients it needs. Nutritionists recommend filling half of your plate fruits and vegetables. Teens need more of certain nutrients like calcium found in milk, yogurt, and cheese—and vitamin D, found in dairy, fortified cereals and tuna. It's a good idea to reduce added sugar from foods like cookies, candy and soda.

Staying at a healthy weight is important, too. But extreme dieting isn't the answer to extra weight. Cutting out whole food groups or skipping meals can be unhealthy and won't result in long-term weight loss. Unhealthy dieting can also affect your mood and how you grow. Instead, try to make small changes you can stick to. NIH has online resources to help you reach and stay at a healthy weight.

Regular exercise is also key. Experts recommend teens get 60 minutes of physical activity each day. Three of those days should include a vigorous exercise like jogging or biking.

Dying without a will

Marsha A. Goetting, Ph.D., CFP®, CFCIS and Wendy Wedum, FCS/4-H Agent Pondera County

April 15, 2020

During a crisis, people without a will may move that task higher on the priority list. With many people "sheltering in place" because of the COVID-19 epidemic, this can be an opportunity to organize information to get a will written.

"Some people assume Montana law would distribute property the same way they would, so there is really no need to formalize their wishes with a will," says Marsha Goetting, MSU Extension Family Economics Specialist. "These two examples show

how Montana law may not be best for individual family situations."

Assume Jack dies without writing a will. He has property valued at \$800,000 in his name only. Jack's survivors are his wife and parents. How much money, if any, will Jack's wife receive? Most people believe that Jack's wife receives all \$800,000. That's wrong.

Montana law grants the surviving spouse the first \$300,000 in value of the estate and three-fourths of the balance. Because the property is solely in Jack's name, the remaining balance (one-fourth) passes equally to his parents. Jack's wife receives \$675,000. Jack's father and mother receive \$62,500 each. This is not the distribution Jack

wishes. He wants his wife to receive all of his estate. Jack needs to write a will.

Now let's look at what happens in Wanda's family. Wanda remarried after her husband died four years ago. She titled her home in joint tenancy with her new husband shortly after they married. Wanda wrote a will leaving the home to her children. If Wanda dies, who receives the home?

Most people believe Wanda's children because the will was the most recent document. Wrong! The joint tenancy title to the home is a contract. A joint tenancy contract has priority over her will. Wanda cannot undo the contract with her written will. She has disinherited her children without realizing it.



To make matters worse, let's say Wanda and her husband were in an accident. He dies more than five days after she does. His children receive the house, not Wanda's children. "If Wanda wants her children to receive the house, she first needs to undo the joint tenancy contract with her husband. Wanda then needs review her will to be sure it accomplishes her goals," emphasizes Goetting.

But Goetting would be the first to say you need to think beyond financial assets. The distribution of personal property may cause more family fights than other assets because of the memories people have with the items. In the event of a wife's death, would her husband or children know who Aunt Suzy's heirloom ring goes to if this informa-

tion is not written out? For that matter, would the family members even know which ring is Aunt Suzy's?"

A will with a separate listing of personal property clarifies that issue, making it possible and easier for surviving family members to follow your wishes about who gets your treasured items. "It can stop family feuds," says Goetting.

"There are three ways to learn who your property passes to under Montana law if you don't have a will," says Wedum, Pondera County FCS/4-H Extension Agent. First, you can answer questions at an MSU Extension Web site. Whether you are married with kids, married without kids, single and so on you can simply click "yes" or "no" to a variety of questions

and learn where your property passes after your death. www.montana.edu/dying-withoutawill

Or, if you have "slow" or no Internet service, an interactive CD with the same information as the Website is available at no charge by requesting the CD from Goetting by email at goetting@montana.edu.

Finally, for people without computer access, get a paper copy of the MontGuide "Dying Without a Will," from your local MSU Extension office. Or visit this webpage to download a pdf file of the "Dying Without a Will" MontGuide. <http://msuextension.org/publications/FamilyFinancialManagement/MT198908HR.pdf>.



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COMMODITY INSITE: HELICOPTER MONEY

BY JERRY WELCH

The Fed, the White House and Congress just passed an unprecedented \$2 trillion emergency bill to help workers, families and businesses as well as the healthcare system slammed hard by coronavirus. The rescue package is the largest in history. The package came in the form of an 880 page bill entitled, "Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act" (CARES Act) and signed into law last week. The CARES Act is unprecedented in scope.

The only other time in history, the Fed, White House and Congress came together to support a woefully ailing economy was during the Great Recession of 2009 amid

the most severe economic downturn since the Great Depression of the 1930's. The Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, the Asset Relief Program (TARP) and the stimulus package under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 cost a combined roughly \$1.5 trillion. And that was less than the CARES Act that was just passed which also means the Fed is doing far more for Main Street than for Wall Street. The money is going into the hands of individuals and families!

In 1976, Milton Friedman, an American economist received the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences for his research on consumption

analysis, the history of money and theory and the complexity of stabilization policy. In 1969, Mr. Friedman wrote a parable about dropping money from a helicopter to prevent deflation. It was deflation that wreaked havoc on the economy in the Great Recession of 2009 and coronavirus is doing the same to the U.S. economy today. And believe me, the Fed fears deflation far more than inflation.

Though a "helicopter drop" was first mentioned by legendary and noted economist Milton Friedman in 1969, it gained worldwide popularity after Ben Bernanke made a passing reference to it when he was a new Fed Governor. From

Investopedia.com. "Bernanke's reference to 'helicopter drop' occurred in a speech that he made to the National Economists Club, about measures that could be used to combat deflation. In that speech, Bernanke defined deflation as a side effect of a collapse in aggregate demand, or such a severe curtailment in consumer spending that producers would have to cut prices on an ongoing basis to find buyers. He also said the effectiveness of anti-deflation policy is ..."essentially equivalent to Milton Friedman's famous 'helicopter drop' of money."

There is no doubt the coronavirus crisis has led to, "deflation," "a collapse in aggregate demand" and a "severe curtailment in consumer spending." If you doubt for a moment that massive deflation is NOT underway ask any livestock or grain producer about the prices they now receive for their products. Go ask them!

Can helicopter money help today's economy hammered by coronavirus as it helped

the economy back in the Great Recession of 2009? Yes, helicopter money will work once more to reverse the forces of deflation and help revitalize the economy before the end of this year. Or, not much later than the first quarter of next year. After watching the Fed, the White House and Congress back 2009 basically drop money from helicopters and witness the good it did to the economy was an eye opener. And because history tends to repeat itself, I am a loud, enthusiastic fan of helicopter money to reverse the forces of deflation and demand destruction plaguing our economy.

Of course, being in favor of helicopter money places me firmly in the same camp as Helicopter Ben. And that is perfectly fine with me as I predict deflation will be defeated, the economy will turn higher and upward spikes in a host of commodity markets such as livestock will unfold. Helicopter Ben & Helicopter Jerry are on the same page about what should unfold in the months

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And when the helicopter money cures the ills brought about by coronavirus and it will, I predict a renowned ice cream producer launches a new and exciting product. It will be called, "Ben & Jerry's Helicopter" ice cream. The flavor, naturally, will be huckleberry and pint size only. But that may change depending on gross sales and social distancing.

Watch for Ben & Jerry's Helicopter ice cream in a store nearby but be careful and wear a face mask when shopping. Not the kind the Lone Ranger was always wearing because you will scare the bejeebers out of the clerk.



A WRANGLER'S RECKLESS WRITINGS

By Bryce Angell

Cowboy Blessing

The February midday air still had a nasty bite. So, we tossed more sagebrush on the flame and watched the shrubs ignite.

The smoke from arid sagebrush had us moving 'round the fire. One cowboy sat right through the smoke. His words would soon inspire.

He said, "The Good Lord's blessed me, been a cowboy all my life. I've got five kids, a favorite dog and best of all my wife.

"Ain't sayin' life is easy, 'cuz it's usually dang hard work. And sometimes life can throw a curve that'll drive you plumb berserk."

He said, "I've had some broken bones from a well-intended hoof." His gnarled and twisted fingers were a picture of the proof.

And then he said, "I've worked all day and never gave much thought to how much we've been given, well deserved or even not.

"But today I look across this burning sagebrush, smoky fire. I see that we've been blessed with those whose friendship we aspire.

"Each friend has his own talent that contributes to this group. We even have a cowboy who gets rid of all the poop.

"So, today I'll thank the Lord for all you cowboy friends of mine. Just know that we're a special group of men who've grown up fine."

And when he'd finished speaking not a cowboy said a word. We all were contemplating 'cuz our souls had just been stirred.

We finished up our spam and then we headed down the trail. Each cowboy noticed God's great land, that day in more detail.

That night we all gave thanks, too many blessings to keep score. 'Cuz we're all a bunch of cowboy friends. How could we ask for more?



A WORD FROM THE BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU EMPLOYMENT SCAMS

By Hannah Stiff

As businesses remain closed because of COVID-19, unemployment rates continue to rise, with nearly 80,000 Montanans filing for unemployment in the week ending April on 11. Despite the fact that almost 60,000 of those were continued claims, the numbers point to many Montanans out of work. And for many, the uncertainty of their long-term employment status and a decrease in income has them looking for ways to make money working from home.

Ads promising work-at-home jobs via internet businesses, shipping or mailing work, selling goods and more, are alluring at a time when most of America is stuck at home. But many of these "jobs" are scams. They are aimed at getting your money and information and won't deliver on the claims they make.

Here's one way Better Business Bureau Northwest and Pacific has seen this con play out: you see a help-wanted ad online or receive an email or text message from an "employer," asking you to apply for a position. Your interest is piqued, and you decide to receive a little more information about the position via a limited exchange over the phone or via email. After a

suspiciously short interaction, you might even land the good-paying job. Having accepted what appears to be an excellent opportunity, you're asked to provide personal and banking information. This is where the sham goes south. If the job is a scam, all communication is shut off, and you, the unsuspecting jobseeker, just gave an untrustworthy entity private information.

So, what is the best way to avoid falling into this trap?

First, realize that some jobs are more likely to be leveraged for scams than others. Be wary of secret shopper positions or any job with a generic title such as caregiver, administrative assistant or customer service representative. Positions that don't require specialized training or licensing appeal to a wide range of applicants. Scammers know this and use it in their fake ads.

If the job posting is for a well-known brand, check the real company's job page to see if the job is posted there. Always try to apply directly from the company's website. If you have questions or need clarification, pick up the phone and call the company directly. If you don't know much about the company, research it at

bbb.org, where we keep records on more than 5 million businesses. Also, take research efforts one step further and look online to see if the same job is coming up in other cities. If it is, it is likely a scam.

Different hiring or onboarding procedures should raise your suspicion. You shouldn't have to pay for training or expensive office supplies up front. Watch out for on-the-spot job offers. You may be an excellent candidate for the job but beware of offers made without an interview. An HR representative from a real company will want to talk to a candidate before hiring them.

Also, don't fall for an overpayment scam. No legitimate job would ever overpay an employee and ask for money to be wired back to the "company." This is a common trick used by scammers. Be careful if a company promises you great opportunities or high income as long as you pay for coaching, training, certifications or directories.

If you are looking for a job, you are not alone, but take the time to find a legitimate fit. Better Business Bureau also encourages you to report possible scams to BBB Scam Tracker at bbb.org/scamtracker.

HOLLOWTOP SMOKE SIGNALS

Isolation contemplation - Some tongue in cheek suggestions for dealing with the current pandemic

By Art Kehler

After hearing the federal and state mandates to isolate myself in my home in order to avoid contracting coronavirus, I was struck by the irony of the situation. After all, since I have been writing for The Madisonian, some Tri-City (Harrison, Pony and Norris) residents have taken umbrage to a few of my harmless witticisms. Go figure!

Consequently, I have lost count of the number of times certain Tri-City residents have exhorted me to isolate myself from public exposure as much as possible. There have even been a few petitions circulated around the area urging me to do the same thing. No doubt

a lesser man would have been embarrassed, but not yours truly. Luckily, I am not easily deterred.

Better yet, now that their prayers have finally been answered, these same folks are unable to take advantage of my public absence because they too are being required to isolate in their homes. I have to admit, I can't help but derive a certain amount sadistic satisfaction from the situation.

Nevertheless, the current circumstances are serious enough to warrant significant reflection on how to best protect myself and, at the same time, protect my fellow Tri-City residents. So, with plenty of time on my hands,

I have come up with what I think are some pretty clever ideas to encourage isolation and social distancing.

Despite the current isolation mandate, there are times when I will simply have to leave my house to purchase food and pick up mail. On such occasions, maintaining the recommended 6-foot physical distance (aka-social isolation) between myself and others will be nearly impossible. Accordingly, to be sure no one enters my pristine space, I am considering purchasing a 6-foot-long cattle prod. I reckon just the sight of the ultra-stimulating device, will send potentially infectious persons scrambling

away from me. I'm sure some folks could consider such methodology to be a tad overly harsh. But then, it will be for the safety of others as well as myself. After all, one can't be too safe.

Even better, I am working on ways to protect one's social distance through nonphysical methods. For instance, rather than engage in elbow bumping, that's meant to replace handshaking, why not employ the "six-foot-apart elbow bump." Said exercise includes having both parties turn their heads aside while vigorously flailing their separated elbows in the general direction of each other. This admittedly awkward exhibition could go a long way to

limiting exposure to coronavirus and, at the same time maintain our legendary Tri-City cordiality.

Additionally, eating a heaping portion of sauerkraut and bratwurst, one-half hour before entering the public domain, might be one of the most effective ways to ensure adequate personal space. Also, carrying a container of disinfectant with a 6-foot spraying radius, would be another useful nonphysical way to keep others at bay for their own good. Nevertheless, it is important to remember that, no matter how effective something may be, a person has to be careful not to create lifelong grudges.

In summation, let me be

clear that I am not one to make light of something as serious as a worldwide pandemic. Rather, these hypothetical solutions are meant to, hopefully, lift spirits during a stressful time. In truth, I hope all who read this are coping with isolation and social distancing well. Together, we will whip this thing. I value those who read my digital blather and only wish them the best. Take care my friends!

Art lives in Harrison, Montana. His essays, stories, and poetry have been published in newspapers, journals, literary magazines, and on-line magazines.

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APRIL 23, 2020

NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGULAR VOTER REGISTRATION AND OPTION FOR LATE REGISTRATION 2020 SHERIDAN SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that regular registration for the SCHOOL Election to be held on MAY 5TH, 2020 will close at 5:00 p.m., APRIL 27TH, 2020. Only School District #5, Sheridan will be conducting an election this year. ALL OTHER DISTRICT ELECTIONS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED. THIS TRUSTEE ELECTION WILL BE CONDUCTED BY MAIL ONLY! NO POLLING PLACE WILL BE AVAILABLE! DUE TO THE COVID-19 SITUATION, THE GOVERNOR HAS INSTRUCTED THAT THE CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR THIS ELECTION WILL BE EXTENDED, and in-person Late Registration be limited to the ten days prior to Election Day. BALLOTS WILL BE MAILED TO ALL ACTIVE VOTERS OF SHERIDAN SCHOOL DISTRICT #5 ON APRIL 17TH. All active and inactive electors of Madison County, are entitled to vote at said election. Persons who wish to register and who are not presently registered, OR are inactive may do so by requesting a form for registration by mail or by appearing at the county election office BETWEEN APRIL 28TH AND NOON ON THE DAY BEFORE THE ELECTION, MAY 4TH. If you have moved, please update your registration information by filling out a new voter registration card and submitting it to the county election office AS SOON AS POSSIBLE and prior to APRIL 28TH NOTE: Late registration is available, but voters must appear IN PERSON at the Madison County Election Office (103 West Wallace Street (Admin Building), Virginia City) in order to register and have their ballots issued to them. LATE REGISTRATION WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE MADISON COUNTY ADMIN BUILDING BEGINNING ON APRIL 28TH. Hours for late registration are: Monday through Friday between 8 am and 5pm until the Friday before the election (APRIL 28TH - MAY 1ST) From 8 am until NOON on the day before the Election (MAY 4TH) From 7 am until 8 pm on Election Day. Inactive electors may reactivate by: **notifying the County Election Administrator in writing of the elector's current address in the county. DATED this 6th day of APRIL, 2020. Madison County Kathleen D. Mumme Election Administrator (Pub. APRIL 9, 16, 23, 2020) MC & R MNAXLP

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that on May 5th, 2020, a school district election will be held for MADISON COUNTY Sheridan School District #5 only. This election will be conducted BY MAIL. NO POLLING PLACE WILL BE AVAILABLE. BALLOTS FOR THIS ELECTION WILL BE MAILED TO ACTIVE VOTERS ONLY ON APRIL 17th. If you feel that you are registered to vote and do not receive your ballot, call our office immediately at 843-4270. Ballots must be received in this office by 8 pm on MAY 5TH, Election Day in order to be counted. If you

are mailing your ballot, please allow plenty of time for it to arrive here. If you have any questions, please contact us at the number above. Dated this 10th day of April, 2020 Kathleen D. Mumme Madison County Election Administrator (Pub. APRIL 16, 23, 2020) MC CLERK RECORDER MNAXLP

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MADISON COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LURA B. MILKOVICH, Deceased. DP - 29-2020-6 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be mailed to Thomas Kent Milkovich, Personal Representative, at McLean, Younk & Willett, PLLC, 2066 Stadium Drive, Suite 101, Bozeman, Montana 59715, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court. DATED this 10th day of March, 2020. /S/ THOMAS KENT MILKOVICH Thomas Kent Milkovich, Personal Representative for the Estate of Lura B. Milkovich (Pub. APRIL 16, 23, 30, 2020) MYW MNAXLP

PUBLIC MEETING

MHC will be holding a public meeting as on an Environmental Review to determine if the properties listed below are exempt. The public meeting will be April 24th at 12:00 at VC Meeting Hall. Hickman Residence Gilbert Residence Jack Taylor Residence (Pub. APRIL 16, 23, 2020) MHC MNAXLP

NOTICE OF BOARD VACANCIES:

The Madison County Board of Commissioners has vacancies on the Big Sky Transportation Board; the DUI Task Force; three vacancies on the Mental Health Local Advisory Council; one vacancy on the Planning Board (representing the Silver Star/Twin Bridges area and/or Harrison/Pony/Norris Area); two vacancies on the Board of Health; two vacancies on the Weed Board; one vacancy for a Substitute Member on the Tax Appeal Board; one vacancy on the Laurin Cemetery District Board; and one vacancy on the Madison Valley Cemetery District Board. If you are interested in filling any of these vacancies, please contact the Commissioners' Office at 406-843-4277, or by email at madco@madsisoncountymt.gov. PDF application forms can be found on the county website at https://madsisoncountymt.gov/DocumentCenter/View/833 Please return completed applications to: Madison

County Commissioners' Office P.O. Box 278 Virginia City, MT 59755 (Pub. APRIL 23, 30, 2020) MC COMMISSH MNAXLP

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETINGS

The Madison County Board of Commissioners will conduct special meetings each Friday beginning at 2:30 p.m. in the Public Meeting Room of the Madison County Administrative Offices Building in Virginia City, Montana, to discuss and/or take action on topics related to the COVID-19 Crisis. Meetings will be conducted through Webex and the public is encouraged to participate using the link below. These meetings will continue until the Board determines they are no longer necessary. The COVID-19 meetings (Fridays) will be available by Webex. Meeting link: https://globalpage-prod.webex.com/join Meeting number (access code): 293 791 297 Meeting password: VCMadison Join by phone +1-408-418-9388 Access Code: 293 791 297# Numeric Password: 826 234 76# To access regular Commission meetings, which are held each Tuesday beginning at 9:30 a.m., please use the link below. Agendas for these meetings can be found on our website at https://madsisoncountymt.gov/AgendaCenter or you may contact the Commissioners' office at 406-843-4277 or madco@madsisoncountymt.gov Regular

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Montana Fifth Judicial District Court, Madison County in the matter of the estate of GARY JACK LANCASTER, Deceased Probate No: DP-29-2018-19 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be mailed to the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, in care of STUART R. WHITEHAIR, Attorney at Law, 403 West Mendenhall, Bozeman, MT 59715, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court. Dated this 21st day of August, 2018 /s/ Theresa Tanascu Personal Representative of the Estate of Connie A. Richards, Deceased (Pub. APRIL 23, 30, May 7, 2020) WHITEHAIR

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An umbrella for your picnic

By Jon C. Goodman

Not to be morbid, but now would be a terrific time to get your affairs in order. When my wife and I were in the ministry and I officiated weddings, we liked to rehearse things in reverse order, starting at the altar. This is a good practice for preparing for funerals as well.

Here's a list to get you started:

- Would you like to be buried or cremated?
- How would you like your eulogy to go? And who would you like to read it?
- Do you have a slide show, video, or box of photos that honor the people who meant something to you? Or perhaps a song list that might set the mood for the attendees at your memorial?
- Are there certain individuals you'd like to thank? Some people kindly write letters to be read at their passing.
- Do you have a set of trusted friends or family members that could share a story or two that speak to your time together, friendship, or character?
- Do you have accessible notarized durable health and financial powers in place that permit your significant other or family member or friend to act on your behalf in the event of your demise or incapacitation?
- Have you left instructions to your designated trustee or executor, granting them secured access to your usernames and passwords?
- Do you have an updated will? (A best practice is to update it every five years, whatever it takes to avoid probate.)

- Are your beneficiary designations current and complete, ie, including dates of birth, social security numbers, and, where relevant, with up-to-date married surnames?

- Have you attached transfer on death (TOD) paperwork to your taxable banking and investment accounts. (Remember, only tax deferred financial products like life insurance, annuities, and retirement accounts convey with beneficiary designations; whereas, taxable accounts don't)

- Have you included secondary or contingent beneficiaries in the event that your primary beneficiaries have passed? And, if so, have you decided whether you'd like assets to transfer to contingent beneficiaries on a pro rata or per stirpes basis? (Per stirpes simply means that the assets in question transfer according to blood line, that is, to the family members of the intended beneficiaries versus split equally among surviving contingent beneficiaries.)

- Do you have a map of where all your assets are, including any safety deposit boxes with working keys?
- Have you prepared a detail list of what specific items you'd like to go to whom? Leaving specific gifts to individuals is a way to add extra meaning to the heirloom, plus will lower the risk of beneficiaries squabbling over things.

Hopefully, you'll find several of these suggestions helpful. Check them off now, and it will be like bringing an umbrella to a picnic—as close as you'll get to a guarantee that everything, even in the midst of a global pandemic, will be A-OK.

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April 12, 2020

A coroner call was made in Twin Bridges.
A dog complaint was made in Sheridan.
A trespass complaint was made in Ennis.

April 13, 2020

Suspicious circumstances were reported in Sheridan.
A citizen was assisted in Cameron.
A dog complaint was made in Ennis.
A theft complaint was made in Harrison.

April 14, 2020

Theft complaints were made in Cardwell, Cameron and Twin Bridges.
Traffic complaints were made in Ennis and Twin Bridges.
Medical aid was administered in Ennis.
A coroner was called in Ennis.
Suspicious circumstances were made in Twin Bridges.

April 15, 2020

An accident occurred in Harrison.
Suspicious circumstances were reported in Silver Star.
A citizen was assisted in Ennis.
Medical aid was administered in Ennis.
Theft was reported in Virginia City.

April 16, 2020

Traffic complaints were made in McAllister.
An animal complaint was made in Cardwell.
An accident occurred in Cameron.
Suspicious circumstances were reported at the Waterloo Bridges.

April 17, 2020

A citizen was assisted in Cameron.
A traffic complaint was made in Ennis.
A wildlife complaint was made in Ennis.
A trespass complaint was made in Ennis.
Harassment was reported in Sheridan.

April 18, 2020

A road hazard was reported in Cameron.
Medical aid was administered in Twin Bridges.
Suspicious circumstances were reported in Cameron and Sheridan.
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A fire call was made in Sheridan.

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Sunday School & Church Services ~ 10:30 a.m.

Pastor Joe Miller

Come Worship & Sing Praises To Our God. Spread the Word!

Madison Valley Presbyterian Church

WORSHIP

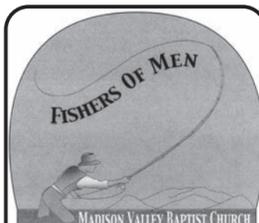
September - April ~ 11 a.m.

May - August ~ 9:30 a.m.

Everyone Welcome, Fully Accessible in communion with ELCA, UCC, RCA

Rev. STEVE HUNDLEY 682-4355 ~ Ennis

Corner of S. Charles & W. Hugel



Phil 2:16

Holding forth the word of life:

Dr. Ray Teston

Pastor

Peter Rosenberger

Minister of Music

Sunday School ~ 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship ~ 11:00 a.m.

Weds. Nights ~ prayer meeting 6 p.m.

5050 Hwy 287, PO Box 668, Ennis, MT

Phone 682-4244 SBC

MADISON VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

Aides for the hearing impaired

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

The Church of Word and Sacrament
Visitors Welcome

Pastor Ken Stensrud

- Sunday Service 9:00 am
- Bible Study 10:15 am
- Sunday School 10:15 am

Corner of Madison and Armitage St.
Ennis, Montana 406-682-4910

THE BAHAI FAITH

O ye friends of God! True friends are even as skilled physicians, and the Teachings of God are as healing balm, a medicine for the conscience of man. They clear the head, so that a man can breathe them in and delight in their sweet fragrance. They waken those who sleep. They bring awareness to the unheeding, and a portion to the outcast, and to the hopeless, hope.

www.bahai.org | 406-451-3923
Bahá'ís of Madison County

ENNIS ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Loving God, Loving People

Sunday School 9:30 AM
Worship Service 10:30 AM
Wednesday Ministries
Kids Club Submerge (K-6) 3:15 PM
Family Dinner 5:30 PM
Youth and Adult Bible Study/Prayer Meeting 6:30 PM

Pastor Greg Ledgerwood
402 Madison Ave - Ennis, MT 682-4197

Valley Assembly

Love Jesus • Love People • Reach the Valley

114 N. Main, Sheridan 842-5845

Pastor Duane B. Deshner
Sunday Service at 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Valley Kids - after school to 6:45 p.m.

Ruby Valley Food Pantry - Saturdays 10 a.m.-Noon

Our mission is to Love Jesus, Love People, and Reach the Valley.

Madison County Episcopal Churches

In full communion with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Join Us for Sunday Worship!

Trinity Jeffers/Ennis
10 a.m. adult forum
11:00 a.m.

St. Paul's Virginia City
Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Christ Church Sheridan
Sunday 10:00 a.m.
Bible Study 9:00 a.m.

www.rvecc.org
Prayer requests: 682-4199 843-5296 842-7713

Ruby Valley Baptist Church

Tony Shaw, Pastor 842-5602

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Eve 7 p.m.

One block behind IGA, Sheridan

Ruby Valley United Methodist Parish

Invites You To Worship With Us

Reverend Tonya Whaley
Office: (406) 842-5934

Church of the Valley Twin Bridges
Worship & Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Bethel UMC Sheridan
Worship 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Ready Set Grow Preschool
Contact Donna Gilman 596-0456

GET RESULTS.

advertise in The Madisonian.
call 682-7755 to make a plan.

GRACE COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP

WEARING SHARING

The Full Armour of God

SUNDAY SERVICES

10:00AM at the Alder School
ALDER, MT
Sunday School 9AM

Christ-Centered • Bible Based Teaching
Open Question Forum
(406) 842-5915
Pastor Tom Luksha

AREA SENIOR MEALS

ENNIS SENIOR CENTER

315 W Main Street

Ennis Senior Center - Closed Dine-in & Activities

TAKE OUT PICK-UP: M-F NOON TO 1 P.M.

To help us plan, please call at least 24 hours in advance: 682-4422

or www.ennisseniorcenter.org

MOW delivery area expanded:

S to Cameron W. to Virginia City N. to McAllister E. to lower Jeffers

Thursday, April 23 - Swedish meatballs, rice, veggies, dessert

Friday, April 24 - Tuna salad croissant, chips fruit, dessert

Monday, April 27 - Cold Italian sub, chips, fruit, dessert

Tuesday, April 28 - Chicken & veggie kabob, roasted potatoes, fruit, dessert

Wednesday, April 29 - Pork chop, baked mashers, veggie, dessert

Thursday, April 30 - Bratt with onions, potato salad, veggie stick, fruit, dessert

Friday, May 1 - Clam chowder, salad, dessert

We may also need additional volunteers to deliver meals, call the senior center or send email to ennis.seniorcenter@gmail.com.

RUBY VALLEY FOOD PANTRY, SHERIDAN

Open Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 12 noon. Located at 114 N. Main St., in Valley Assembly (formerly New Beginnings). Serving the Ruby Valley from Silver Star to Virginia City. Contact Doug 842-5587 or Jim 842-5573 for more information.

SENIOR CENTER, SHERIDAN

The Sheridan Senior Center offers meals for seniors 60 years and older. Seniors may choose to eat at the Senior Center, family style for \$4 or have their meals delivered for \$4.50 (Meals on Wheels). Meals on Wheels are within the city limits of Sheridan and should be called in by 10 a.m. Contact Shirley Sand at 842-5966. 201 Crofoot Street (the former Ruby Valley Medical Clinic).

VIRGINIA CITY CAFÉ

Senior meals for Madison County Seniors 60 and over will be served at the Virginia City Cafe on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for \$4.00. Delivery in VC if seniors call between 10am and Noon on those days.

Thursday, April 23 - Ham w/ au gratin potatoes, veggie, roll, dessert

Tuesday, April 28 - Mac n cheese, veggie, roll, dessert

TWIN BRIDGES SENIOR CENTER

The Twin Bridges Senior and Community Center provides meals for seniors every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at noon at the Twin Bridges Senior and Community Center.

COVID UPDATE: Still serving meals Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at the Center as Take Out Only.

Wednesday, April 22 - Meatloaf, mashed potato, lemon dessert

Friday, April 24 - Pasties, salad, choc cake
Monday, April 27 - Breakfast cinnamon rolls, breakfast casserole

HOLLOW TOP SENIOR CITIZENS

Pony, Harrison and Norris. The Hollow Top Seniors meet at the Senior Citizen Center in Pony every Monday and Wednesday at noon. Call 685-3323 for more information.

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— King Crossword —
Answers
Solution time: 25 mins.

ENNIS FAMILY and FRIENDS SUPPORT GROUP

100 Prairie Way, Ennis (599-3659)

For those who have a loved one struggling with any type of addiction

Tuesdays ~ 5 p.m.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Meeting Every Thurs. at 8 p.m., Church of the Valley, Twin Bridges
ALANON MEETING
Same Time - Same Place

ALANON
Twin Bridges • Church of the Valley
Thursdays, 8 pm

ALANON
Pony School House • Weds. 7 pm
Suzy 685-3692

"Keep it Simple."
A.A. MEETING
Bethany Hall, Sheridan
(behind Methodist Church)
Wednesdays ~ 8 p.m.

Vennis Over The Hill Unity Group

Faced with a drinking problem?
Perhaps Alcoholics Anonymous Can Help.

SUN. - 10 a.m., Elks Club
MON. - Open, 7:00 pm Call numbers below for on line Zoom meeting directions
WED. - 7:30 p.m., Trinity Church in Jeffers
FRI. - Open, 7:00 pm Call numbers below for on line Zoom meeting directions

406-596-5000 Ennis
406-925-0371 Virginia City
916-316-2824

— LIFERING —

A Life Ring group is starting in Ennis. Lifering is an abstinence-based, worldwide network of people seeking to live in recovery from addiction to alcohol or non-medically indicated drugs.

In Lifering, we offer each other peer-to-peer support to encourage personal growth and empowerment. Those interested in participating, can call 682-4463.

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ENNIS

Restaurants

Alley Bistro—open Tuesday-Sunday for takeout. Use the takeout window adjacent to takeout parking. Lunch from 11 am till 2 pm, dinner from 4 pm till 8 pm. App available for orders. 406-682-5694. <https://alleybistro.com>

Blue Moon Saloon—closed. RV Park and Cabins open.

Burnt Tree Brewing—closed, growler fills on Sunday, Wednesday and Friday from 3 pm till 7 pm. 406-682-5552

Ennis Pharmacy and Yesterday's Soda Fountain—open daily from 6 am till 3 pm. Delivery, takeout and curbside delivery offered. 406-682-4246

Ennis Senior Center—Meals on Wheels can deliver to McAllister, Ennis, Jeffers Flats, south to Blue Moon Saloon, Shining Mountains Subdivision, Virginia City Ranches and Virginia City. Call 406-682-4422 or order online at enniseniorcenter.org, preferably a day ahead.

Gravel Bar—open 12 pm till 6 pm with a menu changing daily. Take out offered with credit card only. 406-682-5553. <http://www.gravelbar.com>

Nacho Mama's—open Monday through Saturday 11 am till 3 pm. No delivery or curbside takeout. 406-682-4006

Tavern 287—open and offering curbside takeout. Daily specials are published on Facebook. 406-682-7287

McAllister Inn—closed

Sportsman's Lodge—open for takeout 12 pm-8 pm, Thursdays-Mondays. Curbside pickup available. Menu available at sportsmanslodgemt.com. 406-682-4242.

Willies—open. Offering walk-up bottle service. Hand sanitizer production to begin. 406-682-4117

The Daily Grind—coffee delivery and curbside pickup Monday through Friday 8 a.m.-11 a.m. 406-682-5336. Free delivery within a three mile radius of Ennis.

Pic A Nic Basket—open Tuesday-Friday, 7 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays 7 a.m.-noon. Take out from front windows. Same menu.

Businesses

Blue Sky Cleaning—closed. 813-767-4198

Ennis Fish Bowl—closed. 406-682-7406

Ennis Chamber of Commerce—closed. Contact info@ennischamber.com for brochures or information.

Ennis Physical Therapy—call for appointments. 406-682-3112

Ennis Trading Post—open. 406-682-4329

Ennis True Value—open Monday through Saturday from 8 am to 6 pm. Sunday from 9 am to 4 pm. 406-682-4015

Ennis Veterinary Hospital—People not allowed inside hospital. Food and medications are available for delivery and team members will collect pets at

curbside for appointments. Boarding and grooming still offered. Monday and Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. 406-682-7151

Finish Factory—open. 406-570-5404

First Interstate Bank—open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. at drive up only. Safe deposit box accessed by appointment. Notary access by appointment. Call for CD's maturing. Visit the website for new accounts and loan payments. 406-682-3124. <https://firstinterstatebank.com>

Gossack Creative—open. Available for online menus for stores. Discounts on menu design for businesses. <https://www.gossackcreative.com>

Lateral Electrical Services—open for electrical service and maintenance troubleshooting, 24/7. 406-595-2915

Madison Foods—open. Full service grocery store. Delivery and curbside pickup available. 6 a.m.-9 p.m. 406-682-4306

Madison River Propane—Open 8 am till 4:30 p.m. 406-682-7001

Madison Theater—closed. 406-682-4023

Madison Valley Plumbing—open. 406-682-7913

Magic Mirror—closed. 406-682-4700

High Peaks Federal Credit Union (Dillon)—all three branches closed to walk in traffic. Staff available by appointment only. Online banking at highpeaksfcu.com. Drive up in Dillon open 7:45 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, Friday from 7:45 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Montana Healing Arts—Call or email to schedule appointment. 406-551-3536

Northern Energy Propane/Amerigas—Walk-in service suspended. Propane delivery and service is business as usual. Available by phone 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. locally. 406-682-4230

Parts City Auto Parts—open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday 8 a.m.-4 p.m. 406-682-4261

Plain Janes—open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 406-682-5252

Pure Window Cleaning—open Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 406-660-0421

Service All Heating and Air—open. 406-491-4089

Shedhorn Sports—open Monday Through Saturday 9 a.m.-6 p.m. 406-682-4210

Whispering Willow—closed

Trenz Salon and Day Spa—closed

Madison County Sheriff's Office—closed. Renewing concealed carry permits and fingerprinting services will not be performed. Please call 406-843-5301 with any questions.

Golf course—usual hours. Call for tee time and payment. Walking only. Pro-shop closed. 406-682-7468

VIRGINIA CITY

Restaurants

Bob's Place—open for take and bake. Email order by 9 a.m. Wednesday of each week to kirkbelding@gmail.com and bdynamicspilates@gmail.com. Pizzas will be ready for pick up from 2 pm-5 pm on Thursdays. Deliveries available if needed. Cash, check or Venmo accepted.

Businesses

Rank's Mercantile—open 9 am-5:30 pm, Monday through Saturday.

GREATER RUBY VALLEY

Restaurants

The Shovel and Spoon (Sheridan)—open Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. for delivery and takeout. Credit card payments only. Check website for daily specials. www.theshovelandspoon.com 406-842-7999

Bread Zeppelin (Sheridan)—open for takeout. Monday-Tuesday, 7 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Serving pizza 4 p.m.-8 p.m. Call 406-842-7777 to order.

Ruby Valley Brewery (Sheridan)—open for growler fills. Daily, 3 p.m.-7 p.m. 406-842-5977

The Shack—open, Tuesday through Sunday 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Delivery available in Twin area. Curbside pickup. 406-684-5050

Chick's (Alder)—takeout and delivery Monday-Thursday 11 a.m.-2 p.m. an 5 p.m.-8 p.m. Friday-Sunday open 8 a.m.-11 a.m. for breakfast, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. for lunch and 5 p.m.-8 p.m. for dinner. Different specials available each day on Facebook page. Bar open from 11 a.m.-9 p.m. seven days a week. Call Randy at 406-596-0324

Alder Creek Coffee Co (Sheridan): open for take out only. Call for updates. 406-577-6322

The Prospector (Sheridan)—call 406-842-5850

The Shack (Twin Bridges)—open Tuesday-Sunday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. New carryout menu, beer available with order. 406-684-5050

The Wagon Wheel (Twin Bridges)—open Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Call 406-684-5099

Businesses

Walters Family Foods and Ace Hardware (Sheridan)—open daily 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Delivery and curbside pick up available. Call before noon to place an order. 406-842-5417

Main Street Market and Espresso Drive Through (Twin Bridges)—open. Drive through and take out only in coffee shop. Deli food available for take out only. 406-684-5075

Main Street Market (Twin Bridges)—delivery options for sick and elderly. Call before 11 a.m. Monday-Friday. 406-684-5070

The Old Hotel (Twin Bridges)—closed for dining until further notice. Facebook page offering curbside backed good specials. 406-684-5959

Bartoletti Dental (Sheridan)—open for emergencies, no hygiene at this time. 406-842-5400

Beacon Business Center (Sheridan)—open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 406-842-7488

High Peaks Federal Credit Union (Sheridan)—all three branches closed to walk in traffic. Staff available by appointment only. Online banking at highpeaksfcu.com. Drive up in Dillon open 7:45 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, Friday from 7:45 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Home Park Assisted Living (Sheridan)—closed to

visitors. 406-842-5133

IMOC Building Supply (Sheridan)—406-842-5643

Mountainview Veterinary Service—open with restrictions. Call ahead. 406-684-5831

New Kids on the Block (Sheridan)—closed until April 14. 406-890-8860

Novich Insurance (Twin Bridges)—available by phone and email Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. 406-684-5264. novich@3rivers.net

Opportunity Bank of Montana (statewide)—lobbies closed. Drive-ups, walk ups, night drop boxes and ATMs still in service. Sheridan- 406-842-5411. Twin Bridges- 406-684-5678

RW Outdoors (Sheridan)—open by appointment only. 406-842-5271

Twin Bridges Dental—open with extra precautions. 406-684-5080

Senior Centers—Sheridan- 406-842-5966. Twin Bridges- 406-684-5175

Twin Bridges Kid Country Daycare—406-684-5353

REGULAR EVENTS

MONDAYS

10 a.m.
Madison County All Hazard Incident Management Team Operations Briefing
Meeting link: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/289992789>
Access Code: 289-992-789
Join by phone: +1 (872) 240-3311

TUESDAYS

Madison County Board of Commissioners Meeting 9:30 a.m.
This Meeting will be available by Webex.
Meeting link: <https://globalpage-prod.webex.com/join>
Meeting number (access code): 295 441 840
Password: VCMadison
Host key: 289925 or
Join by phone +1-408-418-9388

10 a.m.
Art Lessons with Miss Katie
EIA's own Katie Coyle is teaching art on Facebook Live. Tune in and get creative!

WEDNESDAY

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THURSDAYS

10 a.m.
Art Lessons with Miss Katie
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2 - 3 p.m.
MSU Extension offers webinars about the coronavirus and its effects on the economy
<http://farmpolicy.msuextension.org/covid19/>

FRIDAYS

10 a.m.
Madison County All Hazard Incident Management Team Operations Briefing
Meeting link: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/289992789>
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2:30 p.m.
Special Commission Meeting
Madison County Commissioners discuss and take action on topics related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Meetings will be conducted on Webex for the public to join online.
Meeting link: <https://meetingsamer.webex.com>
Meeting password: VCMadison
Meeting number (access code): 625 129 350
Join by phone +1-408-418-9388

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

2 - 3:30 p.m.
Online Storm Spotter Training
Want to be a storm spotter or just curious about weather? Join a free online training seminar. For more information call 406.453.2082 or go to www.weather.gov/tfx/2020spottertraining

Twin Bridges Car Cruise
8 p.m.
Meet at the intersection of 9th and Main and "cruise" through town.
Remember, social distancing is critical to our safety, so please remain in your car the entire evening.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

Candidates for Montana governor will have the opportunity to state their positions on rural and agriculture issues by virtual primary debate on April 25. Cowles Media Television Network and Northern News Radio Network will air the debates statewide beginning at 7 p.m.

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